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REQUEST TO FILE A C-I-P PATENT APPLICATION

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My patent application enclosed herein and entitled
"THREADED PIPE CONNECTION AND METHOD"
is a C-I-P of Patent Application SN 09/421,483 that was filed October 20, 1999.

The following documents are also enclosed: Utility Patent Application Transmittal Sheet;
Declaration; Fee Transmittal Sheet (2); a self addressed return post card; and a \$364 check for
the basic fee and one extra claim.

Six claims of the parent application were allowed, and the fee was to be paid before December
22, 2000. Applicant requests that after filing the present application, Claim 22 be cancelled
before calculating the application fee, and that the parent application then be abandoned.

Assignment and Small Entity Papers were filed with the Parent Application.

Please address all correspondence during prosecution to the inventor named below.

Respectfully submitted,

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